2773. [*Transferred to the 18th March*, 1987.]

**Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Orissa**

2774. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Krishi Vigyan Kendra has been opened near Bhanja Nagar in the Ganjam district of Orissa, if so, since when; and

(b) what amount has been sanctioned and spent on this Krishi Vigyan Kendra and whether it is functioning satisfactorily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra was sanctioned in the year 1985.

(b) The amount sanctioned and released so far and the amount spent by the Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology in respect of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bhanja Nagar, Orissa, is as follows:

| Year | Amount released by ICAR | Amount spent by the University upto 1-10-1986 |
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| 1985-86 Rs. 14,72,000<br>1986-87 Rs. 02,00,000 | | Rs. 5, 37,172/- |

The Kendra is at present in the process of developing training infrastructural facilities at the site. However, off-campus training programmes are being organised by the Kendra for the benefit of the neighbouring farmers. The Kendra is functioning satisfactorily.

**Illegal Mining of Precious Stones in Orissa**

2775. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) wether it is a fact that precious stones are found in abundance in Orissa especially in the districts of Bolangir, Keonjhar and Sambalpur;

(b) whether it is also a fact that anti-social Groups are digging the Mines illegally and that huge quantity of precious stones worth crores of rupees are being stolen from those places for the past few years;

(c) whether there has been a public agitation and also frequent references in the Press in this regard, if so, what are the reasons that Government have remained a silent spectator and have not taken any action in this regard; and

(d) whether Government are aware that these precious stones from Orissa are being smuggled to Delhi and Jaipur and after processing are exported to other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Purchase/Sale by NAFED**

2776. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total purchase of agricultural produce that the NAFED made during 1985-86; and

(b) what were the item-wise sale figures during the same period?